
HOUSE BILL No. 1157

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-5-26.5.

Synopsis: Select joint commission on child welfare services oversight. Establishes the select joint commission on child welfare services oversight.

Effective: July 1, 2010.

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January 7, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-26.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2010]:

4 **Chapter 26.5. Select Joint Commission on Child Welfare**
5 **Services Oversight**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the select**
7 **joint commission on child welfare services oversight established by**
8 **section 2 of this chapter.**

9 **Sec. 2. The select joint commission on child welfare services**
10 **oversight is established.**

11 **Sec. 3. The commission consists of twelve (12) voting members**
12 **appointed as follows:**

13 (1) Six (6) members appointed from the senate by the
14 president pro tempore of the senate, not more than three (3)
15 of whom may be from the same political party.

16 (2) Six (6) members appointed from the house of
17 representatives by the speaker of the house of representatives,

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not more than three (3) of whom may be from the same political party.

Sec. 4. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the appointing authority.

Sec. 5. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as chairperson of the commission from January 1 through December 31 of odd-numbered years.

Sec. 6. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint a member of the commission to serve as chairperson of the commission from January 1 through December 31 of even-numbered years.

Sec. 7. The commission shall do the following:

(1) Determine whether children who are children in need of services and delinquent children are receiving the most appropriate care and treatment.

(2) Determine whether Indiana has the appropriate types of placement and service options for children in all geographic areas of the state.

(3) Oversee efforts to maximize federal reimbursements and other revenue opportunities for the care of children.

(4) Receive reports from the department of child services ombudsman and respond to trends and patterns from these reports regarding child welfare.

(5) Study and investigate any other matter related to child welfare services.

(6) Make recommendations for legislation.

Sec. 8. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the commission shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council, including the requirement of filing an annual report in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(b) The commission may meet at any time during the calendar year.

Sec. 10. The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure.

Sec. 11. The legislative services agency shall provide staff support for the commission.

Sec. 12. Each member of the commission appointed under this chapter is entitled to receive the per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to members of the general assembly serving on

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- 1 legislative study committees established by the legislative council.

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